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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	LIFE-040
	Confirmation No.	8555
	First Named Inventor	OUYANG, TIANMEI
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	Group Art Unit	1651
	Examiner Name	DAVIS, RUTH A.
	Title:	"STABILIZED TETRAZOLIUM PHENAZINE REAGENT COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME"

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 20, 2003. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.